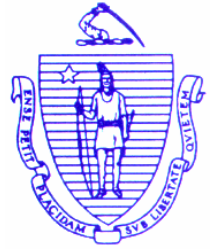




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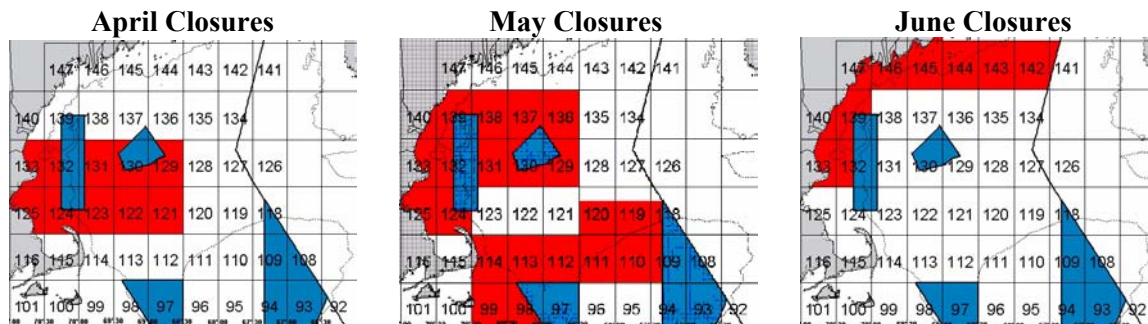
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Marine Fisheries Advisory

UPCOMING ROLLING GROUND FISH CLOSURES

Marine Fisheries issues this advisory to remind fishermen of groundfish rolling closures. Below are maps detailing the various rolling closures currently in effect for the month of April and those that will become effective in May and June, respectively. These rolling closures are in addition to permanent closed areas (Western GOM, Area I, Area II, Nantucket Lightship, and Cashes Ledge).



Commercial fishermen are reminded that it is unlawful to possess or fish for regulated groundfish species taken from these areas while they are closed. State waters north of the 42° line remain closed through May 31; state waters north of the 42° 30' line remain closed through June 30. During May state waters east of Cape Cod south of latitude 42° and east of longitude 70° are closed. Furthermore, gillnetting is prohibited in all of Cape Cod Bay south of 42° through April 30 for right whale protection.

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